IGF MAG Focus document

Inclusion as a focus area

Narrative – Inclusion in the sense of Digital Inclusion is a term that encompasses a broad sector of key internet governance issues. It affords a practical policy drive approach that addresses the needs of a community. Inclusion is a framework for assessing and considering the readiness of a specific community to provide access to equitable opportunities in a digital age. It encompasses the activities related to the achievement of an inclusive information society. Further it affords a stronger economy and enhanced economic development through shared wealth, shared employment, and equal opportunity for all.

Themes	Sub-themes	Comments
Access	Availability	Access for all
Adoption	Affordability	Regardless of income
	Design for inclusion	Regardless of age, language, gender, or disability
	Public access	Open access at library, schools, and public spaces
	Diversity	Bridging the language, race, gender, capacity and disability barriers
	Relevance	Better outcomes and improved economic outlook - enhanced trade
	Digital literacy	Training and capacity building around the new digital skills
	Consumer safety	User rights and data privacy
	Development	Enhancing standards through progressive strategies
Application		

Economic and workforce

development

Development of the relevant digital skills towards increased economic and employment opportunities

Education ICTs in education and digital skills

for the future

Health Care Enhanced healthcare services,

access to all

Public safety Digital policing and enhanced

security through technology

Civic engagement eGovernment, open, and

transparent government

Social Connections Social media, linkages to the rest

of the world

Communications Improved and reliable

communication platforms

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